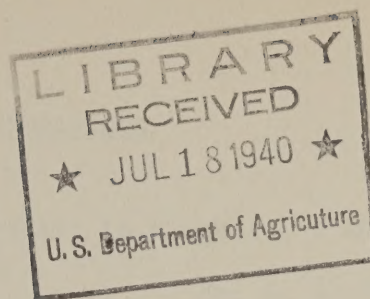


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CITIZENSHIP INAUGURAL

CEREMONY

For

SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS

COMMEMORATING

ENFRANCHISEMENT AS AMERICAN CITIZENS

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB
CAMP

WASHINGTON, D. C.
Flag Day, June 14, 1940

CITIZENSHIP INAUGURAL EXERCISES

Singing - America the Beautiful (group marching to stage). . . Assembly

Presentation of 4-H "New Voters" Dr. M. L. Wilson,
Director of Extension.

The Challenge to Citizenship

Mr. H. W. Hochbaum

Chief, Division of Field Coordination

Mr. Hochbaum:

In the immortal words of Abraham Lincoln, "Our forefathers brought to this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."
1/ And now we are engaged in a world conflict of ideals which will determine whether democracy so conceived and so dedicated can endure.

The young men and women of today and those who follow must face the issue of whether "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" 2/ can be maintained on the earth.

The call is sounded for young Americans, calm and courageous and confident, to reaffirm their faith in the basic principles of self-government, the foundation stone of our United States of America.

Response - 4-H Delegate:

In response to your challenge, "We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." 3/

Mr. Hochbaum:

Eternal vigilance is the price of democracy. The blessings it bestows come not without obligation. Active and intelligent participation rather than blind allegiance is demanded of us.

1/ Gettysburg Address.

2/ John Wycliffe's introduction to his translation of the Bible, published in England in 1382.

3/ Declaration of Independence.

Response (All repeat):

This shall be our creed of citizenship: To see clearly; to cherish and defend that which is good; to improve or discard that which is bad; to render at all times loyalty and devotion to God in service to our country and all mankind.

Mr. Hochbaum:

The stand for democracy will not be made entirely by statesmen in legislative halls, or captains of industry. Its real heroes will for the most part remain unknown. They are behind the plow, beside the forge and at the crossroads of commerce - vigilant men and women who in their informal counsels and enlightened discussions are the true pilots of our national destiny.

Citizenship Pledge

Response (All repeat):

We, individually and collectively, pledge our efforts from day to day, to fight for the ideals of this Nation.

We will never allow tyranny and injustice to become enthroned in this, our country, through indifference to our duties as citizens.

We will strive for intellectual honesty and exercise it through our power of franchise. We will obey the laws of our land and endeavor increasingly to quicken the sense of public duty among our fellowmen.

We will strive for individual perfection and for social betterment. We will devote our talent to the improvement of our homes and our communities in their recreational, social, and spiritual needs.

We will endeavor to transmit this Nation to posterity not merely as we found it, but freer, happier, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

The Meaning of Citizenship Dr. Carl F. Taeusch,
Head, Division of Program Study and Discussion,
Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Response 4-H Delegate

Closing song America

Note: "God Bless America" played softly during the responsive reading.

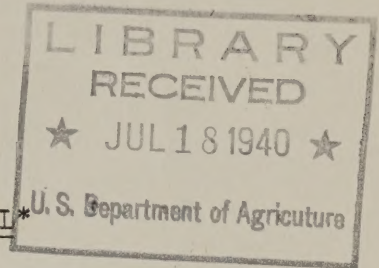
The 4-H delegates participating in the Citizenship Inaugural Ceremony are as follows:

Allan, Fern L.	North Dakota	Landers, David	New York
Allen, Martha	West Virginia	Lentz, Naomi May	Missouri
Armstrong, Thomas	Nebraska	Lindblad, Harold E.	South Dakota
Bakke, Arla	South Dakota	Maddox, Ralph	Georgia
Bell, Kinsey P.	Ohio	Maier, Arnold	North Dakota
Berg, Sherwood O.	Minnesota	Marburger, Lawrence	Pennsylvania
Bristol, Willard H.	Connecticut	Markegard, Winston	North Dakota
Buswell, Wayne E.	Missouri	Marrer, Francis	New York
		Mikell, Hubert	Georgia
Carlson, Blanche G.	North Dakota	Musselman, W. Maurice	Indiana
Carter, Gwendolyn	South Carolina		
Cordova, Israel Rivera	Puerto Rico	Norbury, Jean Agnes	Missouri
Cranston, Norma R.	South Dakota	Nelson, Margaret	Minnesota
		Nichols, Chester	Maine
Davis, William H. V.	New Jersey		
		Ostrander, Dorothy	Iowa
Eisenman, Joe W.	Montana		
Ellis, Rudolph	North Carolina	Fattee, Harry D. Jr.	Connecticut
		Patterson, William M.	New Jersey
Fisher, Dorothy	Kansas	Peckham, Frances A.	Rhode Island
		Peterson, Elaine	Washington
Garvin, Kenneth D.	Texas	Pinder, Irvin Nelson	Delaware
Greene, Alfred L.	North Carolina	Preston, Irma L.	Michigan
Grendell, Ella A.	Maine		
Gronning, Doris	Wisconsin	Reusch, Harlan E.	Illinois
Hill, Robert	Nebraska	Sackett, James Culver	Minnesota
House, Pauline V.	Maryland	Stiles, Dale E.	Wyoming
Humason, Elwood L.	Maine		
		Waddell, Dena	Arkansas
Jandt, Verna	Wisconsin	Watkins, Zola Frances	Arizona
Kaufman, Marie	Arkansas		
Kleinhans, Wallace H.	Wisconsin		

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RESPONSE TO CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIAL*

We who have this morning taken the pledge of citizenship, accept the opportunities and responsibilities that will be ours as voting citizens in these United States of America. We will strive each day to live up to the obligations and responsibilities for which citizenship in a democracy stands.

Today probably more than at any other time in world history we should be aware of the precious heritage of free speech, a free press, and free religious choice. We aim to stimulate and understand democratic living and practice tolerance, cooperation, and mutual self-help in our homes and in our communities. We have faith that by so doing we will live up to today's challenge of intelligent and courageous participation in the affairs of the Nation.

*Given on Friday, June 14, 1940, at the northwest corner of the reflection pool by Elaine Peterson of Washington State in response to Dr. Taeusch's The Meaning of Citizenship.

